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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Gregory C. Natsch, EMT-P
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SUBJECT: Reciprocity

DATE: March 31, 2005

The process to receive licensure based on out-of-state training, certification or licensure involves the following steps:

1. All applicants for reciprocity must be currently certified by The National Registry of EMT's at either the EMT-Basic or EMT-P level. Persons certified as EMT-Intermediates will be licensed at the EMT-B level. The National Registry of EMT's can be reached at (614) 888-4484.
2. If you have been a resident of Missouri continuously for the last 5 years, you must submit a Missouri State Highway Patrol Background check. This can be obtained in a matter of minutes Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Missouri State Highway Patrol at 1510 E. Elm St. Jefferson City. The MSHP can be contacted at 573-526-6153. You can download a form at <http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/Root/index.html>. This alternate process can take from 10-12 weeks, so plan accordingly. You cannot be licensed without the background check. The Highway Patrol doesn't accept cash, only checks or money orders and the cost is \$5.00.
3. If you have not been a resident of Missouri continuously for the past 5 years, you must receive and submit a criminal background from every state in which you were a resident or you must submit two (2) fingerprint cards, **available from the Unit of EMS only**, for a nationwide criminal background check. The fingerprint process can take from 10-12 weeks, so plan accordingly. You cannot be licensed without the background check. You must submit a check or money order payable to the Missouri State Highway Patrol.
4. Submit a completed EMS Personnel License Application, which can be downloaded at www.dhss.mo.gov/EMS

If you have any questions concerning EMS licensure, please contact the Unit of EMS at (573) 751-6356.

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